



OFFICE MEMORANDUM

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TO: District Engineers
District Field/Construction Engineers
District Traffic and Safety Engineers
District Operation Engineers
Resident/Project Engineers

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SUBJECT: Joint Construction and Traffic and Safety
Instructional Memorandum 1997- E
Speed Limits in Work Zones

Speed limits in work zones are a worker safety issue and, as such, due consideration must be given to the speed limits established in relation to worker exposure.

The Engineering Operations Committee has adopted the attached guidelines for use in establishing speed limits in all work zones for the 1997 construction season. This includes existing projects which are currently under construction and proposed projects which will be let and awarded in the coming months.

Please review your current projects and apply these guidelines to establish and/or revise the speed limits within the construction zones by May 23, 1997. In addition, review and apply these guidelines to the projects which will be awarded in the coming months since there will be no opportunity to incorporate and apply the guidelines in the contracts before letting. Changes are to be made by work order and recommendation/authorization where applicable. Eventually, projects in the early stages of design and development will have these guidelines and quantities applied by the District Traffic and Safety Engineer and will no longer require the direct intervention of construction field personnel.

As depicted in the attached illustrations, it may be necessary to install additional signs when applying these guidelines to existing projects. Such work should be paid for at the contract unit price for the appropriate contract item listed.

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